Subject No. 239.

Sanskrit as a Second Language in Anglo-Vernacular Schools.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao.

Summary of Representation.—The Anglo-Vernacular Schools may also be fitted into Kannada Sanskrit Schools. *i. e.*, Sanskrit may be taught as a Second Language to Kannada students.

Reply of Government.—Communicated to the Inspector General of Education for consideration.

Subject No. 240.

Improvement of the Sanskrit College at Mysore.

Messrs. Venkatakrishnaiya,
" Narasimhaswami,
" Madappa,
" Hassan Ali Beg,
of the Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of Representation.—The Sanskrit College at Mysore may be improved on the lines of the Hindu College at Benares.

(a) Mr. Annaiya Pandit said that the absence of tuition in English was a great want.

(b) Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya said that English may be taught in addition to Sanskrit.

(c) It is further represented that the regular attendance of professors at the College may be enforced.

Reply of Government.—Noted. There is a Committee sitting at present to revise the studies. It is desirable that all professors should attend the College and teach at regular intervals.

Subject No. 2

Teaching English simultaneously with Kannada in all Schools.

Mr. Venkataswamiya.

Summary of Representation.—Under the rules framed by the Educational Department, boys are required to study in the Kanarese II and III Forms before they are qualified for admission to an English School. By this arrangement, boys cannot qualify themselves in higher English education at the proper age and get into Government service. It is therefore prayed that arrangements may be made for teaching English simultaneously with Kannada in all Schools.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaya explained at length the inconvenience of the present course of the Vernacular education which he considered to be too long. He said that Rule 4 of order C. No. 121, dated 21st November 1893 was a dead letter till recently. Special rule 5 introduced one rule for Bangalore and another for Mysore thereby making intermigration inconvenient. The rule about having text books under rule 4 may be removed. It was so in Madras.

(*a*) English may be the second language for first four years and then from fifth onwards, English text books only may be used.

(*b*) Three years for Kannada alone was too long. the discretion vested as regards teaching History and Geography in English was not of much use, as answers had to be made in Kannada.

(*c*) Boys would be at least 20 when they passed Matriculation. Pass percentages were small. English proficiency had suffered. Boys may

begin English early in all Anglo-Vernacular Schools, instruction as in Madras being through the medium of the vernacular.

(*d*) Kannada and English courses may be separated and bifurcation was desirable. The Lower Secondary may be abolished. The Matric alone may be retained as the first examination and for the rest, class examination would be enough. High pressure meant that health suffered. Fees were high.

Reply of Government.—This is a big question and requires careful consideration. The matter will be taken up in the Education Department and the Inspector General will be asked to send up a comprehensive report on the matter.

Subject No. 242.

Reduction of school fees and application fees for examination.

Mr. Ramanarasaiya.

Summary of Representatation.—School fees and application fees for examinations being very heavy, it is prayed that they may be reduced to what they were formerly.

Reply of Government.—The existing fees are already too low and further reduction is not admissible. The lowering of examination fees for private candidates appearing for the Lower Secondary Examination will be considered.

Subject No. 243.

Curriculum of English schools.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya,
" Madappa,
" Hassan Ali Beg of the Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of Representation.—The curriculum of English Schools in the Mysore Province may be made to conform to that of the Madras Presidency.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya said that the present curriculum did not conduce to advance knowledge of English All subjects may be taught from English text books, but taught through the medium of the vernacular.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The subject has already been discussed. *Vide* Subject No. 241.

Subject No. 244.

Abolition of the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination in English.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya,
" Narasimhaswamy,
" Madappa,
" Hassan Ali Beg of the Mysore City Muncipality.

Summary of Representation.—It is requested that the Mysore Lower Secondary examination in English may be abolished.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya said that the number of examinations must be reduced, as too many of them would affect the physical development of boys and that both Kannada and English may be taught together. Lower Secondary Examination may be confined to Kannada. Fees were heavy, being raised from 1 to 5 Rs. Private condidates had to pay Rs. 10. First Examination in English must commence with Matriculation.

Reply of Government.—Noted.